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Democratic Ticket.

For President in 1904:
JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER,
of New York.

We are authorized to announce
J. W. PERRY,

as a candidate for the Legislature, to represent the counties of Lawrence and Boyd, subject to the action of the Republican party.

For Circuit Judge:
S. G. KINNER.

For Commonwealths Attorney:
JOHN M. WAUGH.

Title in the Way.

Representative Kehoe and Representative-elect Hopkins, of Kentucky, saw the Chief of Engineers today to ask that the work of improving the Big Sandy river in accordance with the rivers and harbors act of the last session, be begun as early as possible. They were informed that the delay in letting the contract has caused by the inability of the department to obtain clear titles to the land.—Washington telegram to Courier-Journal.

This refers to the contracts for the new locks in both Tug and Levisa rivers, a few miles above Louisville, for which money was appropriated last year. The Big Sandy people are very anxious that the contracts be let at the earliest possible moment. Some official or officials are not doing their utmost to push this matter along. Consideration proceedings should have been under way some time ago. The delay seems to be with the legal department.

Maps for Public Schools.

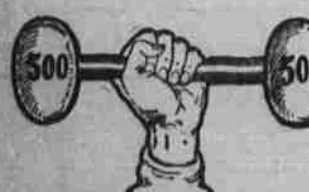
Representative Kehoe, of this district, has introduced a bill in Congress directing the Secretary of the Interior to have printed and mounted 250,000 of the large wall maps of the United States and possessions, similar to those distributed by members of the House, for distribution among the public free schools of the country. This is a very valuable and much-sought-after public document, and it is the desire of Mr. Kehoe to place one on the walls of every house in America. If the bill becomes a law the Secretary of the Interior will be required to furnish one of the maps to each school district. There are about 250,000 public free schools in America and the printing and mounting of the maps would cost the Government about \$125,000. But Mr. Kehoe thinks it would be money well and properly expended. Mr. Kehoe will vigorously press his measure during the remainder of the session and in the next Congress and he believes it will ultimately become a law.

The President has called a special session of the United States Senate, and it met the 5th.

The question of Gov. Beckham's eligibility to re-election is to be settled by putting the matter into the courts and carrying the case to the Court of Appeals.

Delinquent taxpayers may be compelled to work out their indebtedness on the streets and public roads, and the officers should enforce this law. But little attention has ever been paid to it.

A little effort of the part of the people of the Big Sandy towns would secure the establishment of some rural free delivery routes. We are allowing other sections to get ahead of us in this matter. No such improvement in mail service has been made in many years as this is. Nothing is too good for Big Sandy. Let's have rural free delivery.



The Strength
of the coffee you buy adds to its value in the cup.
Lion Coffee
comes to you fresh and of full strength, always in sealed, airtight packages. Bulk coffees lose their strength, deteriorate in flavor, and also gather dirt.
California, freshness and full strength are insured in every can of Lion Coffee.

Let Big Sandy people encourage the development that has just begun in the valley.

It is to be hoped our farmers will prepare products for exhibit in the Kentucky display at the St. Louis World's Fair. We can down any of them.

The Big Sandy River Improvement Association is trying to investigate the delay in contracting the Big Sandy river work for which money was appropriated last year. The trouble seems to be with the United States Attorneys whose duty it is to clear the titles.

YATESVILLE.

Two deaths have occurred in this and the Cat neighborhood that has cast a mantle of mourning around many a heart. They were Mrs. Andrew Justice, of our own neighborhood, on the 25th ult., age 30, and Miss Etta Shortridge, of the Cat neighborhood, whose death occurred on the 26th ult. Mrs. Justice was buried at the Riffe cemetery by the side of her baby that had just preceded her one week. Miss Shortridge's remains were interred in the Fallsburg cemetery. Both were highly respected and loved by all who knew them. The bereaved have our sympathy.

The amount of sickness has increased since our last report.

Several members of John Yates family are sick.

Mrs. J. B. Riffe, wife of our telephone man, is on the sick list.

The roads are in a horrible shape. The one leading to Fallsburg is impassable on account of a landslide just below here and at the bank of Blaine. It has the way completely blocked.

The recent high water has also washed the bottom sills from under the bridge crossing Edmonds branch, and it is said that the bridge is in a very dangerous condition. Here is a chance for some man to get a small job of work and a nice little claim allowed.

Country Greenhorn.

The death of Miss Venie Woods, daughter of John Woods, occurred last Thursday. We are sorry to lose her.

The sick child of J. B. Large is much better.

Jerry Large and Geo. Brown have sold their farms and will move in the near future.

I. B. and Jerry Large will go to Ashland soon.

Grant Cooksey has been trading horses.

Andy Kitchen will farm with Grant Cooksey.

Harkless May visited Jennie Newsom Sunday.

Wallace Large will farm with Mose Skaggs.

Eugene Large has purchased a fine horse.

G. C. Combs will go to Logan county next week.

Henry Taylor passed through here last week peddling garden seed. We wish him well.

John and Henry Burton have bought a picture gallery and will go in business soon.

Harvey May is still in the hickory job.

FALLSBURG.

For a while last week Blaine was too high for the mill to run, and water was backed up all the little branches so that it was difficult to get to Fallsburg.

Eunice Grady and John Brown, residents of Huntington, were married at Ironton Thursday, and came here to visit her father, Richard Grady, who lives on the Helen Lear farm.

Johnny Elkins, who has been living on the widow Hewlett's farm for two or three years, moved up near Busseyville recently, but soon got dissatisfied and last week he moved back to Albert Copley's place.

All the vacant houses between here and the river are being rented to people that want to work on the R. R. on the W. Va. side.

The last we heard of Lee Crank his brother Frank was going to take him to his home and take care of him.

Wm. Savage is busy taking options on all the land in this country for what mineral there is in it.

The weather is nice and pleasant and looks so much like spring that people are beginning to talk about what field they will put corn in, and there are a number longing for the time to come when they can quit feeding fodder.

WHITEHOUSE.

We have had a good rise in Sandy river and the steamboats are plentiful.

Felix Grimsley, the hog merchant, shipped a car load from here yesterday.

Dr. John Sweetnam reports twin girls at Joe Roberts; a girl at A. Daniel's; a boy at John Porter's; girl at Tom Fannin's, and one at John Isaacs. He told us of another one but we have forgotten the name. The man that claims that the globe is about to be over populated has some good proof in favor of his argument.

Our people are having their coal hauled on wagons from Greasy creek at a cost of twenty cents per bushel.

W. Pinson, of Pikeville, and Mr. Bowen, of Huntington, called on our merchants yesterday.

John Sagraves, one of Big Sandy's popular drummers, was here Tuesday.

On account of high water we have had no mail from Prestonsburg this week.

J. L. Hibbard, of Peach Orchard, has been here working for a company.

Jeff Stafford, of River, is clerking in John Woods' store here.

Timothy Winkle.

Honey of Eucalyptus and White Pine, best remedy known for coughs, 25c at A. M. Hughes.

BUSSEYVILLE.

Mrs. John Thompson is gaining strength rapidly since here severe spell of sickness.

Uncle David Jordan has so far recovered that he was able to attend the meeting of the Pension Board at Hood Wednesday. He is applying for an increase in his pension, and his physical condition shows him to be greatly in need of it.

It is reported that Thomas J. Pies has been given full control of the G. R. Roberts farm on Deephole branch, and will move there soon. Mr. Roberts will leave for the State of Washington about April 1st. His son Burman owns a large farm there. So much for Big Sandy.

Milton M. Burgess, the genial 230-pound postmaster of Wilbur, showed his familiar face here the first of the week. We were real glad to see him for we had almost forgotten how he looked.

Misses Genie and Lora Picklesimer entertained quite a number of their young friends Tuesday evening in an elegant manner. Up-to-date amusements were enjoyed, refreshments served, and an exceedingly enjoyable evening was spent by all present. The girls know how to make an affair of this kind a success.

Miss Sue Holt is taking lessons in the science of fortune telling, having employed a lady specialist in this line from the extreme southeastern corner of the state, is making splendid success. It is to be hoped that in this arena she will outstrip all the "Gypsy beggars" who travel all the public thoroughfares.

Erast Chapman, who has been so well and favorably known here for some time, returned this week to his home in Illinois. During his stay he made many friends, and he takes the good wishes of all for his success.

Backskin Bess.

CHARLEY.

Died, recently, of consumption, Uncle John Scarberry.

Lark Holbrook, who recently moved his family about four miles above here, arose last Monday morning early to do his day's labor, but before sun down he died. Heart trouble was the cause of his death.

News has just reached here that the clothing of Jesse George's little daughter caught on fire and before it could be extinguished was burned off. She is expected to live but a short time.

Miss Alafair Bowling has returned to Seattle.

Roscoe Burton, Stant Miller, and Borders Mead left Saturday for Columbus, Ohio.

Lizzie Carter visited at Busseyville Sunday.

Born, to H. S. Dean and wife, on the 28th, a boy.

Sheridan Chapman visited relatives here this week.

Jerome Dean visited relatives here last week.

Our school is still progressing.

J. D. Burton has the frame of W. M. Chapman's residence up.

There will be preaching here Saturday and Sunday by Revs. Sowards and Collins.

Mart Moore and wife left last week for Columbus, Ohio, on a visit to relatives.

The recent rains did damage in our neighborhood. It washed Joe Edward's Jr. house away.

Rev. Marion Moore, of Missouri, preached an interesting sermon here Tuesday night.

David Spencer and wife visited their father, Wm. Moore, who is not expected to live.

Wallace Vanhook has moved into the house vacated by Beater Spencer.

A. J. Moore has moved to where Role Spencer lived.

J. D. Burton moved into the J. B. Spencer house.

Hurrah for Big Sandy! Blue Hawk!

KETURAH.

Died, at the home of V. D. Harmon, on the 20th ult., Etta, daughter of Mrs. Louise Shortridge, of consumption. She was brought there January. Her suffering was intense, especially a day or two before her death, and, like many of our young people, she neglected her soul's best eternal welfare until a late hour, but was truly redeemed to Christ and shouted loud His praises and died in peace. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Fallsburg, Rev. R. H. Cassidy, of the M. E. Church, officiating.

Mr. Beetal and Mr. Roberts have returned from Greenbrier where they were looking after some lumber and timber business.

Rev. A. Harmon and wife entertained Rev. D. K. Leslie one day last week. Messrs. Hall and Ramey are doing a good business on Poor House Branch.

J. E. Scott has gone back to his old home for his health. His son-in-law has charge of his farm.

Mr. Riley has been improving his farm.

The Haws and Short boys are saw-logging.

James and Rev. Cassidy have gone down the river on a raft of walnut and poplar timber.

R. L. Barrett and the Shortridge Bros. are back home.

Short Ferguson and Martin Shortridge are mining.

Ramey and Thompson have sold their timber to Mr. James.

Bronfield Rice and Browning May are getting ready for farming.

Jones Sexton and Cassidy are having a time carrying the mail.

Mr. Fannin, of Little Cat, passed up our creek one day last week enroute to Irish creek.

Preaching here the 30th Sunday by Rev. Cassidy.

The saw mill will leave here soon. Skyrocket.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

The Court of Appeals has reversed the case of Williamson vs. Dills, Adm., of Pike county.

Mail Clerk Alvin Powell is again handling the Big Sandy mail on the trains of this division, and the result is that we are having better service.

It has developed that the unknown man killed by the C. & O. train near Ashland last week was Alfred Bledsoe, who lived near Olive Hill.

Vanceburg has a new \$2,000 fire engine. The Sun says it has never been tested, a fire company has not been organized and nobody knows how to operate the engine.

Officers have received word to look out for Charlie Griffy and a companion who broke jail at Sandy Hook last week. The two men were serving a term for grand larceny.

Engineer Holivar Wesley, who was badly injured in a wreck on the Big Sandy division of the C. & O. eleven months ago, was able to make his first run yesterday.—Ashland Independent.

It is understood to have been definitely settled that John W. Langley, formerly of Prestonsburg, Ky., is to be given either the chief clerkship or solicitorship of the new Department of Commerce.

West Liberty, Ky., Feb. 27.—Clydes Bailey, fifty-five years old, of Yocum, this county, was killed by a saw log while working in a saw log woods. He leaves a widow and a large family of children.

For the past year there were 207 convictions and 14 acquittals under internal revenue laws and 11 convictions and two acquittals under postal laws in Uncle Sam's Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Congressman-elect Frank A. Hopkins, of Prestonsburg, successor to Mr. White, of the Tenth district, a lawyer of prominence, is at the Riggs, in Washington, making daily visits to the House.—Courier-Journal.

Rev. Geo. O. Barnes, the mountain evangelist, contemplates holding a revival at Paintsville. He is now at Mt. Sterling. From there he goes to Jackson, then to Sellersville and later on will visit Paintsville.

The steamer Thealka, the regular Catlettsburg and Paintsville packet, has changed owners. Isaac Ward, Daniel Wheeler, and R. V. Nickel, purchased the interest of the Stafford Brothers, thereby becoming sole owners.

Greenup, Ky., Feb. 28.—John Henderson and Charles Tisdale captured a wildcat south of town that weighed forty-nine pounds. It killed three valuable dogs before giving up from exhaustion. It has been sold alive to a man in Ironton, O.

The Grayson Herald says: George Rupert has returned from Berea, where he went to attend college some time ago. He said they had "too much negro" there for him. He left Tuesday for Morehead, where he will attend the Morehead Normal.

An unknown man was killed by a C. & O. train at No. 8 miles, near Ashland. On the same day Pat Holmes, a thirteen-year-old Ashland boy, lost a leg under the wheels of a freight train. The day before Leon Kachwork, aged ten years, was the victim of a similar accident.

The Court of Appeals has affirmed the judgment of the Johnson Circuit Court rendered in the case of the White House Cannel Coal Company against the Sandy River Cannel Coal Company. This gives the White House Company two or three acres of valuable coal land over which the two companies had been in dispute for some time.

John Elam and wife, of Olive Hill, died of typhoid fever, the latter dying one evening and the former the next evening. They were buried in the same grave. As the remains of his wife were being taken from the room the husband told them to wait for him; that it would not be long until he joined her. He died the next afternoon.

Campton, Ky., Feb. 28.—About forty persons will leave this county Monday for the Indian Territory, where they go to register their claims as members of the Choctaw tribe of Indians. About 300 persons from this and adjoining counties have registered since January 1, all claiming to be descendants of John Harper, a Mississippi Choctaw Indian.

Dr. J. W. Berry, of Quincy, and a cousin of Dr. W. A. Berry, of this city, was struck by a Camden Iron-State car at the 13th street crossing about 7 o'clock this morning, and sustained a sprained wrist and a slight cut in the temple. He had come in from Quincy, and was enroute to Louisville, to visit relatives and look after some real estate matters.—Ashland Independent.

Accommodation train No. 3 ran into an east-bound freight train Tuesday morning at Russell, killing conductor Henry Davis and brakeman C. C. Miller, of the freight.

Fred Rose, an Ashland boy, who was riding in the freight caboose, had a leg cut off and was otherwise seriously injured.

The engineer of the passenger train was slightly bruised by jumping. The damage to the trains is heavy.

Further information concerning the gas well at Salt Lick, bath county, says gas is escaping in great volumes and cannot be checked. An expert from the oil fields of Sisterville, W. Va., is here to decide on some means by which to stop the flow. Isaac Shouse and W. R. Stevens, oil men of Salt Lick, had their hair and beard burned off by a match lighted by Stevens. Shouse's clothing was burned nearly off and they narrowly escaped fatal injuries. The gas has no odor and can be heard roaring in the well to a half a mile. The well belongs to Fell & Shouse.

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J. C. Bowles, cashier of the Pikeville National Bank, and B. F. Johnson, a prosperous merchant of Pike county, were in Ashland this morning and left on train No. 22 at 10:45 for Lexington. They are called there to appear before the Fayette county grand jury in the matter of the man who posed as "B. F. Johnson" and "J. W. Chaffins," and who forged Mr. Johnson's name to checks on the Pikeville Bank and passed them at Wise, Va., and Lexington. The forger has never been positively identified, but Mr. Bowles thinks he is a party for Martin county, and says he may know the fellow when he meets him face to face.—Ashland Independent.

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